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(57) Abstract: A cutting tool assembly including a tool holder having a removable clamp. A cutting insert support blade member is removably held in the tool holder by the clamp. The cutting insert support blade includes at least one, preferably two, insert receiving pockets. The pockets are defined by a body portion and a clamp portion joined together by an integrally formed resilient or deformable portion which permits slight resilient movement between the clamping and body portions to facilitate the installation of a cutting insert in a pocket. When the insert support blade is mounted in the tool holder, the clamp inserts clamping forces to the clamping portion of the insert support blade which serves to secure the insert support blade to the tool holder and to exert clamping forces on an insert held in the pocket. The integrally formed resilient/deformable portion includes a plurality of slots, some of which open into an aperture spaced from a pocket. The slots enable resilient movement between the clamping and body portions.

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